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Flood Remediation Project in Waikane Set to Start *City and State agencies partner to address flooding problems in Waikane*

HONOLULU, HI – Honolulu City Council Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz recently announced that Glad's Landscaping will begin clearing overgrown vegetation in the un-named stream that runs parallel to Waikane Stream. Clogged with more than 60-years of growth, the stream often overflows during heavy rains, flooding Kamehameha Highway, posing an enormously inconvenient and potentially hazardous situation for residents.

"I'm extremely pleased that this work is finally beginning," said City Council Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz. "The flooding that has plagued this community for so long is a critical public safety issue – we expect this work to impact the quality of life of communities immediately surrounding the problem area and throughout the Windward Coast, from Kaneohe to Laie."

In the fiscal year 2005 Capital Improvement Project budget, Council Chair Dela Cruz included \$250,000 for this project. Council Chair Dela Cruz also worked with Hawaii's Congressional Delegates to ask for their assistance to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to coordinate efforts to develop a long-term comprehensive plan for flood remediation for the Waiahole-Waikane Valley area.

"This project is a wonderful example of government and community working together," said Council Chair Dela Cruz. "I appreciate the efforts of the City Administration, state Department of Transportation, and the state Housing and Community Development Corporation for coming to the table and taking action on this project."

Honolulu City Council Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz represents Council District 2, which includes Mililani Mauka, Wahiawa, Whitmore Village, Mokuleia, Waialua, Haleiwa, Waimea, Pupukea, Sunset Beach, Kahuku, Laie, Hauula, Punaluu, Kahana, Kaaawa, Kualoa, Waiahole, Kahaluu, Ahuimanu, and a portion of Heeia.

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